

Town Ordinance #47

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE WATER TRAFFIC, BOATING AND WATER SPORTS UPON THE WATERS OF LEGEND LAKE

The Town Board of the Town of Menominee, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Intent. The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and the capability of the water resource.

Section 2. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of Legend Lake within the jurisdiction of the Town. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the officers of the Sheriff's Department of the County of Menominee, through use of standard citation forms.

Section 3. State Boating and Water Safety Laws Adopted. The Statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes, are hereby adopted in their entirety and by reference made a part of this ordinance.

- 30.50 Definitions
- 30.51 Certificate of number and registration; requirements; exemptions
- 30.52 Certificates of number and registration; certification and registration period; fees; issuance
- 30.53 Certificate of origin; requirements; contents; guaranteed asset protection waivers.
- 30.541 Transfer of ownership of numbered boats
- 30.55 Notice of abandonment or destruction or boat or change of address
- 30.60 Classification of motorboats
- 30.61 Lighting equipment
- 30.62 Other equipment
- 30.635 Motorboat prohibition
- 30.64 Patrol boats exempt from certain traffic regulations
- 30.65 Traffic rules
- 30.66 Speed restrictions
- 30.67 Accidents and accident reports
- 30.675 Distress signal flag
- 30.678 Boating safety certificate; requirements; exemption; operation by minors
- 30.68 Prohibited operation
- 30.69 Water skiing
- 30.70 Skin diving
- 30.71 Disposal of waste from boats equipped with toilets

Section 4. Definitions. As used in this ordinance:

- (1) Life Preserver or personal Flotation Device (PFD)
Shall be a type approved by the United States Coast Guard.
- (2) "Slow No Wake", means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

Section 5. No Person Shall:

1. Be towed behind a motorized water vessel of any type without wearing a USCG approved life jacket (PFD)
2. Operate a motorized water vessel towing a person or vessel of any type so that the person being towed is within 100 from any dock, raft, pier, anchored boat or restricted area.
3. Tow a person or vessel unless they have a competent person on board in addition to the operator OR have a rearview mirror that provides a **WIDE FIELD OF VISION**.
4. Operate a motorized water vessel within 200 feet of any shoreline at speed in excess of slow no wake.
5. Operate a motorized water vessel in excess of Slow No Wake in any channel.
6. Operate a motorized water vessel faster than Slow No Wake within 100 feet of any navigational buoy.
7. Operate a motorized water vessel in excess of Slow No Wake between the hours of 6:30 pm and 10:00 am

Section 6. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be fined according to the fee schedule set by the Town/County Public Safety Committee.

Section 7. Separability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions thereof may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 8. Effect. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

AMENDED: June 17, 2025

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